

NWT Squash Canada Winter Games Team Selection Policy

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Team Selection Date and Composition

Selection Date

Final selection of Canada Winter Games (CWG) team will be made by December 1st of the year preceding CWG.

Team Composition

Each team attending CWG must meet the minimum requirements as set out by Squash Canada. Those requirements being:

1. Teams must include at least two U17 athletes aged 16, or younger as per the date indicated by the Canada Winter Games Association. The CWG team could be made entirely of U17 players if they are the strongest athletes based on the selection criteria as outlined below.
2. Teams may not include more than two U19 athletes aged 18, or younger as per the date indicated by the Canada Winter Games Association.

Criteria for Selection to the NWT Squash CWG Team

To be considered for the NWT Squash CWG Team, athletes must fulfill the following criteria:

1. Athletes must be of the correct age as indicated above.
2. Athletes must be enrolled in a suitable squash program agreed upon by the CWG head coach, or the Board of NWT Squash in such case where the head coach has yet to be named.
3. Athletes must attend and compete in two local tournaments in the Northwest Territories within 18 months prior to the team selection date.
4. Athletes must attend and compete in two out-of-territory tournaments within 18 months prior to the team selection date.
5. Athletes must play at least one match per week outside of their approved squash program, during the normal squash season which runs from September to May. Athletes must submit a list of match play upon request.

Note about Out-of-Territory Athletes:

Athletes who reside in the Northwest Territories, but attend school full-time outside the Northwest Territories, may still be considered for selection to the NWT Squash CWG Team. These athletes must comply with the Criteria for Selection as outlined above with the following exceptions:

1. Athletes must have a permanent residence in the Northwest Territories (as per the CWG Technical Package).
2. Athletes must submit, to the NWT Squash Head Coach, a letter of participation from the coach of the squash program in which they are enrolled.
3. Athletes must submit, to the NWT Squash Head Coach, a list of results from local tournaments in their region in which they have competed.

*Please note, fulfillment of the **Criteria for Selection** does not guarantee an athlete a spot on the NWT Squash CWG Team.*

Final Selection of the NWT Squash CWG Team

The final selection of the NWT Squash CWG Team will be made from those athletes that meet the above Criteria for Selection. A point system will be used to determine final selection and position on the CWG team.

The top four players will be selected to represent the NWT Squash team. Of those four players only two may be 17 years of age, or older (U19) as per the CWG Technical Package.

The final selection will be based on the following:

NWT Squash Rankings

NWT Squash rankings, as of December 1st preceding CWG, will be used to determine athletes named to the NWT Squash CWG Team. Selection of players begins with the top ranked players in the Northwest Territories in each age category.

The top-ranked athlete will receive 50 points. The following athlete will receive 40 points. The third ranked player will receive 30 points and the next player will receive 20 points. Eligible athletes after the top four will receive 10 points each.

Head-to-Head Match Play

Match play is defined as head-to-head competition that takes place during tournaments, league, and special matches organized by the Head Coach. The results of two (2) most recent head-to-head match play within the four (4) months of the final selection date (December 1st of the year preceding CWG) will be used to determine participation on the CWG team. At least one of those matches should take place with two (2) months of the final selection date. U17 players may not be obligated to compete against U19 players for team selection though they may need to compete against each other to determine playing order once the CWG Team has been named.

For each match won against another player eligible for the CWG team the winning player will be awarded 10 points.

If no head-to-head play has been recorded between athletes within two months of the selection deadline, the CWG Head Coach may organize a special meet for head-to-head match play, or, at their discretion, use the athlete's NWT Squash rankings as a sole determinant of selection.

Final Selection

The total number of points accumulated by each athlete (based on ranking and head-to-head play) will be added together. The top four (4) eligible athletes with the most points will be selected to represent the Northwest Territories at the Canada Winter Games.

Selection of a Stay-Home Alternate

The stay-home alternate will be selected at the same time as the final CWG team. The stay-home alternate will be determined based on their total points as outlined above. If the next strongest athlete is a U19 player, a second U17 player will also be selected. Note: a U17 player can only be replaced by another U17 player. A U19 player may be replaced by either another U19 player, or an eligible U17 player.

Playing Order

The playing order will be determined at the discretion of the head coach and NWT Squash based on the athletes' past performance and strengths.

Appeal Process

Any appeal to the selection of the NWT Squash CWG team may be presented in writing (either printed, or by email) to the Board of Directors of *Northwest Territories Squash Racquets Association* (NWT Squash) within one (1) week following the final selection. After that time, no appeal will be accepted. The Board's decision on the appeal will be deemed as final and no further appeal may be made. Please note, an appeal may not include a disagreement with the Criteria for Selection, or the final process of selection as laid out in this document.

The Board of NWTSRA